

REMARKS

Claims 16, 17 and 22-34 are allowed. Applicant respectfully requests that the specification and Claim 16 be amended as detailed above. Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing amendment is being made solely for clarity purposes. Applicants further submit that this amendment does not introduce any new subject matter.

Amendments to the Specification:

As suggested by the Examiner, the specification was amended to distinguish "R₂" which designates a variable of the chiral detecting reagent of the claimed invention, from the two "R" groups recited in "CR₂", which further defines variables Y and Z. To this end, "CR₂" was replaced with "-C(R)₂-" throughout the specification (*i.e.*, on page 5 line 6, page 6 line 6, page 7 line 7 and page 23 line 8). Please note that there is no recitation of "CR₂" on page 5 line 7, page 6 line 7, page 7 line 8 and page 23 line 9. Therefore, no amendment is needed at these locations.

Applicant did not realize the lack of clarity with respect to variables "R₂" and "CR₂" until after the Examiner pointed it out in the Notice of Allowance mailed August 11, 2004. Therefore, Applicant could not have presented this amendment earlier. No new matter is added with this amendment.

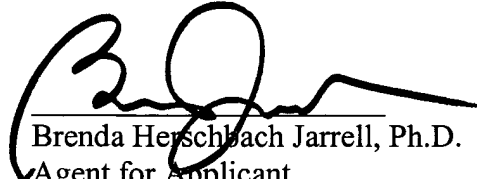
Amendments to the Claims:

An Amendment similar to that indicated above was made to claim 16. No new matter is added with this amendment.

Applicant thanks Examiner Cole in advance for favorable review of this request. If it is believed that a telephone conversation would expedite matters, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 248-5175. Please charge any additional fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.: 03-1721.

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